

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 66

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A RESOLUTION to establish a joint legislative study committee to study issues relating to alcohol and drug abuse.

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse in the state of Tennessee constitutes a significant problem and a pressing issue of public policy that affects the lives of many Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that a special joint committee of the General Assembly be appointed to study and report its findings on issues relating to alcohol and drug abuse, with particular attention to issues of addiction, in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall consist of four (4) members of the House of Representatives and four (4) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly no later than February 1, 2010, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.